

St. Edward the Confessor Catholic Church

*We are a family of faith-filled disciples, empowered by the Holy Spirit, living
the Gospel through worship and service*

Church: 1940 Mitchellville Road, Bowie, Md. 20716

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MASSES:

Saturday Vigil – 5:30 P.M.

Sunday – 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 A.M.

Monday, Wednesday, Friday - 8:45 A.M.

Tuesday, Thursday - 7:30 P.M.

MASSES FOR THE HOME BOUND:

TheSundayMass.org.

HOLY HOUR: First Friday—9:30 A.M.-10:30 A.M.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION):

Saturday: 4:00 - 5:00 P.M. & by appointment

INFANT SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

**Class required. Call the parish office
301-249-9199 to start the process for your child's
baptism.**

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:

**New couples—contact the pastor at least 6 months prior to
the desired date. Couples in civil marriages—contact the
pastor for assistance for a validation.**

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK:

**Call Fr. Scott for Anointing of the Sick. Upon a parishioner's
death, please call us as soon as possible.**

PARISH WEB SITE:

www.stedwardbowie.com

PARISH COMMUNICATIONS:

E-NOTES/FLOCKNOTES TEXT MESSAGING:

Text: 84576/Keyword: Confessor

BOWIE FOOD PANTRY:

**Food is collected in bins at the doors every first Sunday
of the month and taken to the Bowie Food Pantry.**

SCHOOL:

**SPX Regional Catholic School is our shared school of the
four Bowie parishes.**

**Our registered families/students get a special tuition to SPX
(Pre-K to 8)**

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Sat.	5:30 pm	John Michael Williams+
Sun.	7:30 am	William Phillips+
	9:30 am	Kay Patterson+
	11:30 am	Healing for Priests, Religious & CWA members & families
Mon.	8:45am	Anna & Joseph Simko+
Tues.	7:30 pm	George Bibbins+
Wed.	8:45 am	Bridget Bronder+
Thu.	7:30 pm	Msgr. Maurice O'Connell+
Fri.	8:45 am	Salvatore & Amelia Tomasett+
Sat.	5:30 pm	Chantal Civil+

PRAY FOR PARISHIONERS:

Johanna Palmer, Pat & Bob Reynolds, Fran Blasko, Michael & Barbara Fitzurka, Lourdes Flaim, Pat Welch, Florence Zook, Lorraine Washington, Octavia Blake, Peggy Brown, Mary Ann Boyer, Connie Poppe.

OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

Ann Gray, Terry & Cindy Sowada, Teresa Fraser, Rosemarie Quezada, Maria Xiques, Steve Giant, Marjorie Porter, Dick Bradie, Nicholas Barrett, Susan Zinampan, John Keys, Joni Seith, Drew Snapkowski, Phylis McNamara, Luis Miranda, Dolores McCarthy, Sandy Capps, Terese Welch, James Scaldaferrri, Denise Townes, Mike Sullivan, Patty Byrne, Christine Leacock, Christine Branche, Rhonda Jackson, Bobby Ose, Connor Keys, Edith Sullivan, Rachel Wills, Mary DePaul, Vicky & Al Ose, Margie Price, Kathy Klopfer, Marcus Allen, Manny Jones, Viviana Brandes, Eric Seith, Kim Lewis, Jillian Fletcher, Daniella Mayers, Toni Boudreau, Nadia Bonachea, Jennifer Solomon, Andrew Yeshnik, Herb Cox, Bobby Citrano, Fran Hendricks, Perry Seppi, Mark Fleming, Mary Lou O'Gorman, Steve Norwood, McLeod Farr.

AMERICA NEEDS

FATIMA

On Saturday, October 12th at 12 noon, America Needs Fatima requests that the rosary be prayed in public. Please join us here at St. Edward's on this date and time in our church parking lot for the rosary. This rosary is for the conversion of our nation.



Our rosary will be one of over 20,000 that will be said around the U.S. on that day. Hope you will be able to join us.

ST. EDWARD'S EVENTS

Sat.	Oct. 5	Young Adults-5:45pm-Fr. Scott's home
Sun.	Oct. 6	FUNDAY-12:30-4pm CCD-PreK and K-9:30am Children's Liturgy during 9:30am Mass
Tue.	Oct. 8	Youth Choir Rehearsal-5:30pm-church Confirmation Levels 1-3-6:30pm-classrooms
Wed.	Oct. 9	Children's Choir Rehearsal-5:30pm-church RCIC-5:30pm-classrooms CCD-K through Level 5-6:30pm-classrooms Adult Choir Rehearsal-7:30pm-church
Sat.	Oct. 12	Men's Group-8:30am-hall America Needs Fatima-Outside Rosary-12pm Sandwich Sunday-6:30pm-hall

ST. EDWARD'S MUSIC MINISTRY

PRESENTS:



Stretto Chamber Music Series and Evangelization Outreach, featuring Cello and Piano Duo Recital with cellist Amit Peled and pianist Allison Freeman, will be on Sunday, October 13th, at 4:30pm in the church. Fr. Scott will give a brief talk on music and the spiritual life preceding the concert. A reception to follow in the hall.

All free-will donations will be greatly appreciated.

SCHOENSTATT PILGRIM MOTHER

St. Edward's has this picture of the Blessed Mother. It is available to keep in your home for a month at a time. You and your family should give her a place of honor in your home, entrust to her your worries and anxieties, trust in her intercessory power and keep a prayerful atmosphere near the image. Pray the rosary each day and reflect on how the story of Christ and Mary touches your personal and family life. If you and your family would like to house the picture of the Schoenstatt Pilgrim Mother, please contact Vicky Venida at 301-390-9290 or Angie Cipolla at 301-249-9199.



ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED

We are currently looking for additional servers. If you have a child in the 4th grade or up who has received the Sacrament of Holy Communion and are parishioners, please contact Mike Pickett at mwpickett@gmail.com to let him know of their interest. A training session will be scheduled in the near future.



Welcome to the newest members of our parish family!

- The Hawkins family
- The Larios family
- The Moreno family
- The Uy family
- Rosie Montoya



From the Desk of Our Pastor:
Fr. Scott Holmer

This Sunday is our big Fun Day here at St. Edward the Confessor.

Thank you to our Community Building Committee and all volunteers for all of your help in getting things ready for the great event! I hope to see many of you at the picnic and festivities this afternoon! It should be a lot of fun.

In the Gospel this Sunday, the disciples of Jesus seem to make an innocent request: "Increase our faith." Jesus then goes on to tell them a story about how they should act like unprofitable servants who have only done their duty and not expect special treatment from their master. What is going on here?

Simply, in response to the disciples' request to increase their faith, Jesus says to practice it and follow His commands. If we do follow Jesus' commands, if we practice our faith, if we act as Jesus tells us to act, our faith will increase.

Faith is like a fire in our hearts that gives us a light to see the world around us clearly. We have each been given faith through our baptism. But if we do not stir that fire into a flame by practicing our faith regularly, if we fall into mortal sin, our light of faith will dim and we will no longer see how God is acting in the world. We will only see the evil in the world and not the good. This lack of vision will lead us into despair.

Like the disciples, we can fall into the trap of thinking that faith is something that can be given like a magician where we say "Abracadabra" and poof our faith will increase. However, Jesus tells us otherwise. Our faith increases only when we put our faith into practice and follow His commands.

God bless,
Fr. Scott

PARISH SUPPORT:

Last week's Offertory: 8,167.00.

Our weekly Offertory goal is \$9,000.00.

The previous 3 week Sunday Collections were:

\$6,891.00, \$6,986.00, \$10,568.00.



Religious Education

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS:

Classes have begun but it's not too late to register! We now have a High School

Confirmation class that will meet on Sunday mornings.

CATECHIST(S) are needed for our new HS Confirmation class. This class will meet 2 times per month on a Sunday morning following the 9:30am Mass (at 10:30am). The first class will be on Sunday, October 20th. We are looking for people who would like to work with High School students; we can work in a team and on a rotating basis if there are enough volunteers.

Please contact Maureen Curtis at: religioused@stedwardbowie.com or 301 249-9199 to register your children for classes or for more information or to volunteer to teach the High School Confirmation class.

CHRISTMAS MARKET NEEDS YOUR HELP!

We are in need of old house keys. If you have any, please bring them to the kitchen labeled Christmas Market.

ALSO, remember when doing your fall cleaning, please save your no longer treasured items for Santa's Seconds (no clothes or electric items!). More about that soon....



MINISTRY TO THE SICK AND SHUT-INS



Fr. Scott and Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist bring Communion to the sick and shut-ins. Call the Parish Office at (301) 249-9199 to arrange this service.

MEN'S GROUP

The next Men's Group meeting will take place on Saturday, October 12th, at 8:30am in the hall. All men aged 18 and over are invited to attend.



LIVE CHRIST SHARE CHRIST

LCSC meets the 3rd Friday of every month at 7:00pm in the hall. All parishioners are encouraged and most welcome to attend.

Our next session will be held on Friday, October 18th. Our topic of the month will be: *Rooted in Christ*.

CRISIS PREGNANCY-WE CAN HELP

1-800-712-HELP or visit our website:
pregnancycenters.org